

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of August 18, 2003
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee Members:

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| Dan Kavanaugh, VAPDC | Art Petrini, Henrico County |
| Tom Gray for Robert Taylor, VDH | David Kovacs for Jesse Richardson, VAPA |
| Tom Botkins, VMA | Charlie Crowder, Fairfax County Water Authority |
| Mike Thacker, AEP | William E. Cox, Virginia Tech |
| Shelton Miles, CPR | Jerry Higgins, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, VPI Water Authority |
| Frank Sanders, City of Winchester | Robert Royall, VA. Water Well Association |
| Judy K. Dunscomb, The Nature Conservancy | Jeffery Irving, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| Terry Reid, VAWWA | Josh Rubinstein, VA. Rural Water Association |
| Guy Aydtlett, VAMWA | Robert Conner, Brunswick County |
| Ken Roller for Cathy Taylor, Dominion | Ward Staubitz, USGS |
| Mike West, HBAV | David Paylor, Deputy SNR |
| Brian Ramaley, Newport News Water Works | William Stoneman, VA. Farm Bureau |
| Eldon James, RRBC | |
| Patti Jackson, James River Association | |
| Sam Hamilton, VA. Agribusiness Council | |

Members Absent:

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| Christopher Miller, Piedmont Environmental Council | Ed Imhoff |
| | Bob Burnley, DEQ |

DEQ and Facilitation staff:

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| Terry Wagner | Barbara Hulburt |
| Scott Kudlas | Mark Rubin |
| Ellen Gillinsky | Bill Ellis |

Interested Parties:

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| John Kauffman, DGIF | Brent Waters, Golder Associates |
| John Carlock, VAPDC alternate | Paul Jacobs, Christian & Barton |
| Becky Mitchell, City of Virginia Beach | Clayton Walton, Williams Mullen |
| Thomas Leahy, City of Virginia Beach | Ray Jackson, WWAC |
| Craig Ziesemer, City of Suffolk | Tom Roberts, VMA alternate |
| Guy Cerimele, AEP | Sadie Murphy |
| John Lain, AWWA | |
| Alisia Penn, City of Richmond | |
| Paul Holt, City of Richmond | |
| Traci Goldberg, FCWA | |
| Larry Land, VACO | |
| Denise Thompson, VML | |
| Wyatt Little, DHCD | |
| Kristen Lentz, City of Norfolk | |

Summary of the Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were received without objection or correction.

The purpose of the meeting was stated to be to conclude the first phase of the TAC's work by bringing together the "pieces" that had been worked on by the respective small groups. The first phase had been an effort to share and gather information to form the basis of the work of drafting a planning regulation. The goal was to have the work of the small groups presented to the full TAC, discuss it within reconstituted small groups, and identify those areas of consensus upon which DEQ could begin its work of drafting a regulation. The draft regulation would then be the vehicle for further discussion by the TAC.

Scott Kudlas discussed the public hearing and comments received on the NOIRA for a planning regulation. A public meeting was held on July 17th. Although members of the public were present, no public comment was received. One written comment was received describing the storing of water in quarries in Loudon County. No further action is expected under the APA process until the TAC has completed its work on the planning regulation.

The facilitators for each of the small groups then made summary presentations of the work of each group. The content of these reports is reflected in the written reports and matrices that are attached to these minutes. Questions were asked and comments made on the substance of the reports but detailed comment was deferred for discussion in the reconstituted small groups later in the meeting.

After the conclusion of the presentations of the work of the small groups, the TAC listed a number of issues for future discussion which were termed "overarching issues". They are as follows:

1. Who is going to pay for planning?
2. Source water protection
3. Thinking broadly about how to "do things" in the 50 year planning window
4. When does one have to prepare a plan? What is the triggering mechanism?
5. What is the interrelationship between local plans and the state plan?
6. What is the role of the Department of Health and other agencies in approving local plans for inclusion in the state plan?
7. Should plans be developed at all?
8. Statutory requirement that local plans be developed
9. Where do "unpermitted withdrawals" stand in a local, regional, or state plan?
10. Encourage ... Incentives for alternative water sources such as desalinization

One member summarized the purpose of the TAC as providing guidance to DEQ on how to bridge the gap between prior practice and the future requirements/

The small groups were then reconstituted and asked to review the reports of each previous small group to identify areas of consensus. Those areas of consensus would then become the basis for the beginning of DEQ's work to draft a planning regulation. Each member was asked to consider the following questions in the review of the issues:

1. Can I live with this?
2. What information do I need?
3. What concerns keep me from supporting what is here?
4. What would make it possible for me to support it?

The meeting was then adjourned so that the small groups could meet to review the reports.